

## **August Recreation Board Meeting Minutes**

Date: August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006

Meeting time: 6:00pm

Recreation Board Members present:

Chris Beaulier

Mike Knupp

Helga Meo

Ken Miller

Mandy Olver

Also present:

Dave Lester - Recreation Coordinator

Dave Lester opened up the meeting discussing with the board members the Town Manager's list of priorities and recommendations for the new Recreation Director Dave Lester. The list is in this order of priority.

- 1-Inventory Control of Rec Departments sporting gear
- 2- Web Site
- 3- Trails
- 4- Senior Citizens
- 5- Events

### **Inventory Control**

Dave Lester stressed the importance of getting a true inventory, calling in all gear from coach's. All Board members present agreed. Dave Lester discussed with the Town Manager the idea of taking all gear from Town Office attic area and moving it to the Victoria Grant Civic center. He agreed and the Board members present agreed also. With plans to build shelving and putting large hooks on the walls Dave Lester should be able to store all gear within the Storage room allotted within the civic center. All Board members agreed on the building of shelves, also the idea of purchasing shades for the room would be best for security purposes.

Mandy Olver told Dave Lester that Jimmy Smith's basketball jerseys have yet not been returned. Dave Lester will be sending out letters to all families that have not returned within a reasonable amount of time their Basketball uniforms asking instead to reimburse the town \$50.00. All present agreed, and with a discussion with the Town Manager it will be Dave Lester's responsibility to send the letter's out.

### **Web Site**

The Town Manager would like Dave Lester to update and delete old material on the Site. Also to revamp as needed to add new material. Dave Lester asked the board members to make "a note from the board" in which they could make a statement as they wish to the people that read our site. Mike Knupp agreed to draw one up than send out via email to get responses from the rest of the board members. Everyone agreed this was a good idea

for an addition on the site. Dave Lester asked if the board members thought it would be a good idea to have a section within our site on the trails the town owns within the towns borders. All board members present agreed, Dave Lester said he would look into making a map for this also.

Dave Lester updated the board members of the new things happening with our trails. On how Troop 234 of Winterport are working on two trails as Eagle projects of two different teenagers. Todd Hardy has informed Dave Lester of these projects and their whereabouts. One is on top of Blueberry Hill and the other is off of Whig Street. All present agreed that for the Recreation Coordinator to try and maintain the trails at this time would not be a good use of his hours, not a priority.

### **Senior Citizens**

Dave Lester will be getting in contact with the senior citizen group to find out what their plans are for the year and also to have them inform him of everything that could be added to the web site. He will ask them if there is anything that he can do to help them out with their plans. Also to see if there is a way to let all senior citizens of the town know of their plans. All board members present agreed with this.

### **Events**

The Town Manager stated his wishes to see more being done to involve all citizens in the form of seasonal events. An example that he gave Dave Lester was the Music Festival. Presently the recreation coordinator is making plans to have some kind of Fall Festival the same day as the soccer tournament. Dave asked all board members present to help him out with ideas on what could be done. He has been in contact with The chair of PIE and also the leader of Troop 234's Boy Scout leader Todd Hardy. They both stated that they would bring up the idea of a Fall Festival at their first meeting of the new year, being very receptive in helping. The board members present were receptive with the idea of having also a Winterfest, making sure that a weekend is taken off during Basketball, so all could be able to help.

Things that the Board members present and the recreation coordinator also discussed was;

- Making up the policies of the Recreation Board will be spear headed by Mike Knupp. He had at first said that it would take the whole of the school year to do so. Dave Lester stated that these policies need to be in place as soon as possible so that conflicts will be decided easier and with little problems. Mandy Olver said she thought that the policies could be made by divide and conquer and this way we could get them done quicker. Meaning to have the guideline that Mike Knupp had already drawn up be divided in parts so that each or more people could be involved and help. This way we could maybe have it before Basketball season starts up. All present agreed that the policies would be a good addition to the web site also.
- Dave Lester asked the board members if it was o.k. to donate the football gear in the attic of the Town Office. All present agreed, Dave will get in contact with Ray Bradford to see if he can direct him in whom to talk to.
- Dave Lester brought up the idea of having pictures of our sport teams on the web site. He also had the concern if we should make a waiver so that all parents know before hand

that this may happen.

- All board members present agreed with Dave Lester that he could purchase a digital camera.
- Dave Lester will talk to The Town Manager if the By-Laws are the most updated version on the web site.
- The board members present also asked Dave to see if there could have a link on the site that will allow the towns citizens to make suggestions in recreation. Dave will ask Deb at Maine Bytes.
- Mike Knupp would like upright cones purchased for the PreK/Kindergarten age group in soccer. Dave Lester will look into cost and purchase for him.
- Dave Lester discussed with Mike Knupp and the rest of the board present that Chuck Morris would like to co-coach with Mike in PreK/Kindergarten soccer. Everyone present agreed.

Adjourned meeting: approx. 7:30pm